



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CREEKS RESTORATION/WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**August 27, 2007**

**CASA LAS PALMAS, 323 E. CABRILLO BOULEVARD**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Chair Jordan, Daniel Hochman, Lee Moldaver, Jeff Phillips, Daniel Wilson

Committee members absent: Bruce Klobucher, George Weber

Liaison members present: None

Liaison members absent: County Project Clean Water Liaison Rob Almy,  
Councilmember Iya Falcone, Park and Recreation Commissioner Beebe  
Longstreet, Planning Commissioner John Jostes

Staff present: Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Jill E. Zachary, Creeks  
Restoration/Clean Water Manager Cameron Benson, Creeks Supervisor George  
Johnson

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion:

Committee members Moldaver/Hochman to approve the minutes of the regular  
meeting of July 18, 2007.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

## COMMITTEE MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

**Mr. Wilson arrived at 5:35pm.**

## BUSINESS ITEMS

### 5a. Fiscal Year 2008 Capital Improvement Program (Attachment 2)

Recommendation:

That the Committee receive a status report on the FY08 Capital Improvement Program.

Documents:

Staff Report – August 2007

Speakers:

Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager  
George Johnson, Creeks Supervisor

Committee Questions/Discussion:

#### **Bacterial Reduction Program**

Committee Members asked questions regarding whether the Bacterial Reduction Program will address pollutants in general or will be specific to bacteria; and, if this stage includes construction as well as research.

Mr. Johnson reported that the program will focus on DNA sampling and bacteria; and, the Laguna Watershed Study will assess which bacterial reduction project option is best.

Mr. Benson reported that the Laguna Watershed Study will include conceptual plans; and, that the Laguna Creek Urban Runoff Treatment is a project that will likely come out of the Study.

#### **Catch Basin Filters**

Committee Members asked questions regarding where Catch Basin Filters will be installed and how their effect will be monitored; if there was a problem with filters previously installed; whether it is possible to receive grant funds; and, if there are reports on the success of filters from other communities.

Ms. Zachary reported that Street Sweepers monitor the volume of trash picked up by sight only; and, Staff expects to be able to retrofit approximately 200 drop inlets on the Westside with funds budgeted.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Catch Basin Filters already installed have no problems, but that there are new technologies and products available and Staff will explore options to find the best product; and, Staff hopes to have filters installed before the rainy season.

Mr. Benson reported that a Request for Proposals will be developed soon; and, that there is a possibility of joining another community's contract with an installer to maximize economies of scale.

Mr. Wilson suggested measuring trash collected by filters where Old Mission Creek enters the CalTrans Channel, and the bridge at State Street and Cabrillo Boulevard.

### **Public Opinion Survey**

Committee Members asked questions regarding how the Public Opinion Survey will be affected by Jessica Scheeter, Creeks Outreach Coordinator, vacating her position.

Mr. Benson reported that Ms. Scheeter will remain full-time through October and that she is available part-time until February, and that Mr. Benson, Staff, and the Education and Outreach Subcommittee will be moving forward with the Survey.

### **Mission Creek Barrier Removal**

Committee Members asked questions regarding the timing of grant applications and amount of funds available for Mission Creek Barrier Removal projects at HWY 192 and Tallant Road, and whether grant funds will rely on the success of the flume model; and, whether the HWY 192 and Tallant Road projects will move forward if the CalTrans project is not funded.

Mr. Johnson reported that Staff already has preliminary plans for the projects, and that the California Department of Fish and Game knows that projects are contingent on the flume model; and, that the Creeks Division has sufficient funds to pay for final plans.

Ms. Zachary reported that two agencies have provided funds for the HWY 192 and Tallant Road projects, and that Staff will move forward with the assumption that sufficient funding will be received for the CalTrans project.

### **Las Positas Storm Water Management**

Committee Members asked questions regarding why funds were not budgeted for the Las Positas Storm Water Management project for Fiscal Year 2009; how much Measure B funding will be invested in preliminary and final design; how much storm water the project will affect; and,

whether the preliminary design consultant's work would be reviewed and updated.

Ms. Zachary reported that there are adequate reserves to fund the project, but that the Committee and Staff will need to decide whether or not the project will be completely funded by Measure B if outside funds are not received; approximately \$200,000 will be invested in final and preliminary design; and, the project would take 6% of storm flow out of a 10 year event, with no runoff under a 2 year event.

Mr. Benson reported that the project may still be eligible for outside grant funding; and, that the project may fit in to the timing of the planned update of the golf course scheduled for Summer 2008.

Mr. Johnson noted that there will be a peer review of the preliminary design, as more data on projects similar to this one is now available.

#### **Old Mission Creek at West Figueroa**

Committee Members asked questions regarding the legal issues associated with working with private property owners; whether the project will depend on purchasing easements on all surrounding private properties; and, whether there are State funding sources to help obtain easements.

Mr. Johnson reported Staff has met with property owners several times, but the project is still in the concept stage.

Mr. Benson noted that the California Coastal Conservancy and the Wildlife Conservation Board have provided funding for conservation easements in the past and could be possible supporters of the project.

#### **Watershed Action Plans**

Committee Members asked questions regarding Plan Santa Barbara and the General Plan Update; the timing of developing Watershed Action Plans in relation to the General Plan Update; how to best provide input to Community Development on creeks issues; and, how effective creek policies have been in the current General Plan.

Ms. Zachary reported that Staff will be meeting with Community Development to discuss their upcoming presentation at the September Committee meeting.

Mr. Benson noted that there is language regarding creeks in the current General Plan, and the Watershed Action Plans can serve as implementation documents for the General Plan policies.

### **Lower Arroyo Burro Restoration**

Committee Members asked questions regarding the location of the project.

Mr. Benson reported that the project was originally focused on the stretch of creek between Veronica Springs and the Arroyo Burro Estuary, but there is also the possibility of up or downstream restoration sites.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion:

Committee Members Hochman/Moldaver to adjourn.

Chair Jordan adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Benson  
Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager